During the 7th Plan period (1985—90), NTC had estimated a requirement of Rs. 302 crores and suggested a plan provision accordingly. Out of Rs. 302 crores, an amount of Rs. 21.12 crores was envisaged for investment in the nationalised mills under NTC (U.P.). The Planning Commission has so far indicated an outlay of Rs. 117 crores for modernisation and rationalisation of labour schemes of NTC during the 7th Plan period.

After modernisation, production, productivity, production value etc. have registered significant increases. The average monthly losses of the mills under NTC (U.P.) has come down to Rs. 112.45 lakhs during 1985-86 (upto January, 1986) as compared to Rs. 147.02 lakhs during the year 1984-85.

Bank loans to Riots Victims

676. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that November, 1984 Roits Victims Association, Janakpuri through various representations, had requested Government for setting off bank loans against compensation to the victims whose establishments/properties were looted/burnt and were not insured; and

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to the request made by the said Association; if not, what are the reasons therefor and the manner in which Government propose to compensate such victims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reserve bank of India has also reported that the representation received by Reserve Bank of India from November, 1984 Riots Victims Association (Delhi Businessmen) Janakpuri, New Delhi related to the bank assistance to persons affected by November, 1984 disturbances. Reserve Bank of India have advised the Association that they had instructed the banks in November, 1984 to provide timely assistance to the victims to rehabilitate themselves and that they reiterated their instructions to the banks in December, 1985 to ensure that the financial assistance was extended to the victims with utmost promptness by eliminating unnecessary documentation and procedural formalities.

The Association has been advised by Government to furnish specific cases which could be taken up with the concerned banks for consideration on merits.

New Wage Policy for the Employees of the FCI.

677. SHRI THANGABAALU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to evolve a new wage policy for the employees of the Food Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) and (b) In pursuance of the Order issued by the Supreme Court on 14-3-1986, the Central Government have appointed a Pay Committee consisting of Shri Justice P. N. Shinghal and Shri A. K. Majumdar on 7-4-1986 to go into various aspects relating to pay scales, DA etc. relating to the employees working in the public sector governed by the Central Government pay scales and DA. The recommendations of the Committee would *inter-alia* cover Food Corporation of India.